

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sharon Yount on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at John Hay Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Yount is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yount was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for John Hay Elementary School in the Hamblen County School District, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Education Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University in Administration and Instruction and holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Merchandising Business from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yount is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, employed by John Hay Elementary School since 2003, Sharon Yount is currently serving with acumen and alacrity as a kindergarten teacher, having previously taught at Jefferson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Yount has rendered sterling service as a student teacher cooperative teacher and a member of the Hamblen County Textbook Adoption Review Committee, John Hay's Crisis Management team, and the School Advisory

Management team; she also played an integral role in developing and revising the kindergarten curriculum maps for Hamblen County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this innovative and inspiring leader in education was a presenter for the Hamblen County Schools' inservice for Tennessee Standards and Training and shared her vast knowledge and sage insights at the most recent East Tennessee Title I Conference, expertly delivering a message on "No More Letter of the Week"; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Sharon Yount won the Lincoln Memorial University Outstanding Research Award in 2010 and brilliantly led her reading class to capture first and second place in the Director of Schools' Writing Contest; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Sharon Yount has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through her volunteer work with Toys for Tots and her dedicated service as a Morristown Rescue Squad Crewette; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yount dearly loves children and has graciously donated her time and energies to chaperone youth mission trips, care for underprivileged children, and raise much needed funds for scholarships for future educators; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yount is a devout member of her church, which she faithfully serves as a member of the Preschool and Children's Council, the Co-director for Vacation Bible School, and an active participant in the Children's Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yount truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Yount truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sharon Yount on being chosen the Teacher of the Year at John Hay Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.